

**COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC & HUMAN
DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

ACTION MINUTES

Thursday, June 5, 2003

**Brea Community Center
695 East Madison Way
Brea, California 92821**

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC, AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE. AUDIO CASSETTE TAPES OF THE ACTUAL MEETING ARE AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG's OFFICE.

The Community, Economic & Human Development Committee held its meeting at the Brea Community Center in Brea, California. There was a quorum.

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Vice-chair Alta Duke called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Councilmember Gary Bosworth
Councilmember Edward Burgnon
Mayor Cristina Cruz Madrid
Councilmember Betty DeSantis
Mayor Pro Tem Mike Dispenza
Councilmember Alta E. Duke, **Vice-chair**
Councilmember Susan Longville
Mayor Ronald Loveridge
Mayor Kathryn McCullough
Mayor John McTaggart
Councilmember Efren J. Moreno, Jr.
Councilmember Paul Nowatka
Mayor Bev Perry
Councilmember Deborah Robertson
Councilmember M. Jo Shields
Mayor Charles White
Councilmember Bob Yousefian

CVAG Subregion
SANBAG Subregion
SGVCOG Subregion
Las Virgenes Malibu Conejo COG
City of Palmdale
City of La Palma
SANBAG Subregion
City of Riverside
OCCOG Subregion
South Bay Cities COG
San Gabriel Valley COG
City of Torrance
City of Brea
SANBAG Subregion
City of Brawley
WRCOG Subregion
City of Glendale

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Mayor William Alexander, **Chair**
Councilmember Melanie Andrews
Mayor Ken Blackwood
Councilmember Paul Bowlen
Supervisor Robert Buster
Councilmember Jeff Comerchero
Councilmember Bart Doyle
Councilmember Josie Gonzales
Councilmember Wendy Greuel
Councilmember Manuel Guillen
Councilmember Janice Hahn
Councilmember Keith McCarthy
Councilmember Alex Padilla
Councilmember Jan Perry
Councilmember Bedford Pinkard
Councilmember Marsha Ramos
Councilmember Ed Reyes
Councilmember Laura Richardson-Batts
Mayor Pro Tem Van T. Tran

SANBAG Subregion
City of Compton
City of Lomita
City of Cerritos
County of Riverside
WRCOG Subregion
City of Sierra Madre
SANBAG Subregion
City of Los Angeles
Gateway Cities COG
City of Los Angeles
City of Downey
City of Los Angeles
City of Los Angeles
City of Oxnard
Arroyo Verdugo Subregion
City of Los Angeles
City of Long Beach
OCCOG Subregion

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Mr. Frank Hotchkiss of Laguna Niguel commented on the Compass RTP Scenario and Development Analysis and expressed to the Committee that the process appears biased.

The Vice-chair thanked Mr. Hotchkiss for his comments.

3.0 ELECTION OF COMMITTEE CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

Councilmember Alta Duke opened the floor for nominations of Chair and Vice-chair.

Mayor Bev Perry nominated and Councilmember Edward Burgnon seconded Mayor William Alexander of City of Rancho Cucamonga to serve as Chair.

Mayor Bev Perry nominated and Councilmember John McTaggart seconded Councilmember Alta Duke of City of La Palma to serve as Vice-chair.

The nominations for Chair (Alexander) and Vice-chair (Duke) were UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED by acclamation.

4.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember Paul Nowatka and Mayor Bev Perry abstained from voting on the Consent Calendar as they were not present at the May 1, 2003 CEHD meeting.

Then, the following consent calendar items were MOVED (McTaggart), SECONDED (McCullough) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

4.1 Approval Items

4.1.1 Minutes of the May 1, 2003 Meeting

5.0 ACTION ITEMS

5.1 AB 1221 (Steinberg/Campbell) California Balanced Communities Act of 2003

Ms. Charlotte Eckelbecker, Government Affairs Analyst at SCAG reminded Committee members that at their request, Assembly Bill 1221, co-authored by Assembly Members Darrell Steinberg (D- Sacramento) and John Campbell (R- Irvine), is being brought back as an action item to the Committee and to the Regional Council simultaneously with additional analysis and a recommended position.

Ms. Eckelbecker made clear that because the bill is, on balance, more consistent than not with the public finance principles in the Regional Comprehensive Plan and Guide as adopted by the Regional Council in March 1996 and with the Growth Visioning Principles as adopted by the Regional Council in October 2001, staff recommends a support-in-concept position.

Ms. Eckelbecker also said that on the other hand, the wide range of possible revenue outcomes arising from AB 1221's enactment is likely to create local revenue winners and losers within the SCAG membership. Significant amendments must be made to AB 1221 to mitigate the financial harm that could accrue to cities through no fault of their own. In practice, the amendments would have to be so comprehensive; the bill itself may die for lack of a consensus.

A discussion ensued with the Committee on the affects of AB 1221 in the quality of life of Southern California.

ACTION: It was MOVED (Perry) and SECONDED (Loveridge) AND UNANIMOUSLY AGREED to oppose AB 1221 (Steinberg/Campbell) – California Balanced Communities Act of 2003.

6.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

6.1 Senate Bill 491 (Ducheny) Housing Element Postponement

Mr. Alfredo Gonzalez, Senior Government Affairs Officer at SCAG, informed the Committee about Senate Bill 491 by Senator Denise Moreno-Ducheny (D-San Diego). SB 491 extends the deadline for local jurisdictions in San Diego County to update their Housing Elements for one year.

Mr. Gonzalez described the bill as being of particular interest to SCAG not because of its impact on SANDAG but rather on the potential impacts that a future amendment may have on SCAG's RHNA cycle. Mr. Gonzalez said that according to discussions taking place in Sacramento, SB 491 is likely to be amended, resulting in the incorporation of language that would institute a one-year postponement on RHNA cycles for all agencies charged with the mandate. The rationales behind the proposed amendment relate to a reduction in state funding levels to carry out the mandate and also to ensure a balanced and consistent workload for Housing and Community Development staff.

A brief discussion followed wherein the Committee asked staff to continue monitoring SB 491 and to bring this back as an action item at the next CEHD Committee meeting in July.

6.2 Compass RTP Scenario Development and Analysis

Mr. Jacob Lieb, Senior Regional Planner at SCAG, reminded the Committee that this is a continuation of Mark Butala's presentation in May.

Mr. Lieb presented an overview of the growth forecast process and schedule, and described the growth scenarios being developed to help set the parameters for the growth policy discussion related to the RTP/EIR Alternatives. Mr. Lieb also explained that the resulting two alternatives will focus on projected growth using the contrasting approaches to develop an understanding of the effects of differing policy choices.

6.3 Growth Visioning Subcommittee Report

Ms. Lynn Harris, Manager of Community Development at SCAG, reported on the Growth Visioning Subcommittee received a preliminary report from the consultant regarding the first round of the Regional COMPASS Workshops. Ms. Harris also reported that the Subcommittee recommended that they not meet during this summer while staff and consultant are working through the workshop results.

6.4 Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) Update of Litigation

Attorney Patricia Chen of Fulbright & Jaworski, SCAG Legal Counsel, announced moving Closed Session Item 10.0 – Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) lawsuit to Information Item because nothing has really happened with the case since the last May CEHD meeting.

Attorney Chen informed the Committee that on May 8, 2003, SCAG Legal Counsel received the Proposed Judgment from the Petitioners. As expected, there is some language issues SCAG Legal Counsel disagree with and so Objection to the Proposed Judgment was filed on May 16, 2003. Attorney Chen advised the Committee that until a final judgment from the Court is received, the Committee cannot make a decision as to whether or not to file an appeal.

SCAG Legal Counsel will report back to the Committee regarding the Court's final judgment.

7.0 THE CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair did not have a report at this meeting.

8.0 STAFF REPORT / ANNOUNCEMENTS

There was no staff report at this meeting.

9.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Member Kathryn McCullough, Councilmember of OCCOG Subregion, asked the Committee to take a look at Legislation HR 1841 and requested SCAG staff to schedule HR 1841 as a future agenda item.

10.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:59 a.m. The next CEHD meeting will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 31, 2003 at SCAG.

Signed:



Lynn Harris
Manager, Community Development